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OLIGONUCLEOTIDE MIXTURES AND IN HIGHLY MULTIPLEXED
NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCING**

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ELECTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Requirement for Restriction, mailed December 5, 2006, applicant elects, without traverse, Group 1, claims 1-3, drawn to methods to identify nucleic acids by assaying for nucleotide mass shifts.

Preliminary to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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